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COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH EDITION

The National Association of Community Action is now the Community Action Partnership, embodying the heart and spirit of Community Action across the United States. The partnership represents a network of 1,900 agencies and organizations that share the same goal and mission, which is to assist low-income individuals, and families improve their lives. Miami-Dade Community Action Agency is proud to be a member of the partnership, supporting our national commitment to helping people and changing lives in communities across the country. The level of commitment of the members of the partnership is evident in The Promise of Community Action.



Executive Director's Message...

The month of May is significant for the Miami-Dade Community Action Agency. It serves as the period of the year in which CAA joins in with the network of over 1,900 Community Action Agencies from across the country in recognition of the movement to create awareness and interest in the challenges encountered by low income individuals, families and communities. "Under the umbrella of "People Helping People" the Community Action Agency works progressively to foster self-sufficiency through education, service delivery, resource mobilization and advocacy. Throughout this country, wherein poverty exists within the midst of plenty, Community Action Agencies continue to play an integral role in changing lives and changing people. As partners in this process we believe firmly in the value of empowering persons and communities in making sustainable change.

THE PROMISE OF COMMUNITY ACTION

"Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other."

THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY ACTION

Changing Lives



Jacqueline Aroche, Head Start Parent

Jacqueline Aroche became involved with Community Action four years ago when she visited her WIC office and noticed a flyer advertising Head Start. Four years later she has one child in Kindergarten and one child still in Head Start. She recently graduated from Miami-Dade Community College with an Associates Degree in Social Work, which she stated “would not have been possible if it were not for the support she received from the Community Action Agency.”

She said “I am going to be the first in my family to go to college, and I feel really proud and blessed that the Community Action Agency was able to help get me there. If I was not a part of Community Action, I would have just stayed at home with my children and I would not be where I am today; and I know that I am going to do great things.” She plans to use the degree to help others and continue the spirit of Community Action.



Linda Pearson, Hope VI Resident

Linda Pearson is a resident of the Scott Carver Development and became involved with Community Action through Citizen Participation’s Hope VI Project. Ms. Pearson was one of many residents who were hired to assist residents with questions regarding the Hope VI relocation process and other areas of concern. She said that her involvement with CAA has changed her life immensely. She went on to say, “being a part of Community Action has made me self sufficient, I have learned to be independent and not rely on the welfare system and be a good example for my children”.



Rosetta Meeks, Self Help Computer Training Graduate

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COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

COMMUNITY RESOURCE EXPO

Wednesday May 8, 2002 **Thursday May 23, 2002**
9:00AM to 2:00PM 9:00AM to 2:00PM
At the At the
Stephen P. Clark Center **South Dade Government Center**
111 NW 1st Street, Miami 10710 SW 211 Street, Miami

Employment Opportunities
Bring your resume and meet with potential employers, also learn interviewing skills at the CAA Self-Help Workshop. Professional dress is recommended and be prepared for on-site interviews.

Health Testing
Cholesterol Screenings, Blood Pressure Checks, Immunizations, Diabetes and Cancer Screenings available and learn more about staying fit yourself by eating right.

And More...
Find out more about community organizations and what they do to your community, volunteer opportunities, services and more. Meet with Admission Representatives from local colleges and universities as well as vocational schools. Learn more about the services that your County government provides to make Miami-Dade County a better place to live. ALL THIS AND MORE WILL BE AT THE COMMUNITY ACTION RESOURCE EXPO.

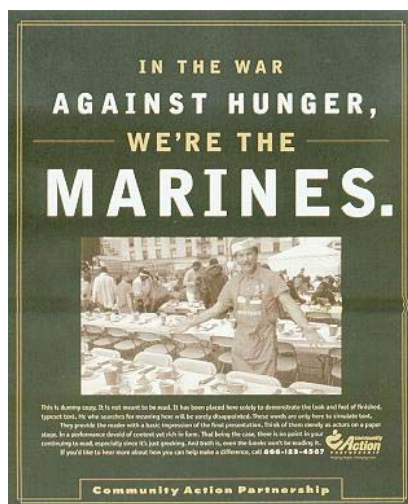
Participants:

Employers American General, Visteon, Mankin, J.C. Penney, H&M, Miami-Dade Corrections and many more...	Health Care Providers Liberty City Health Service Center, Agape Women's Center, United Care, Inc., Jackson Memorial Hospital, CVPHED, St. Augustine Medical and more.
Educational Institutions St. Thomas University, City College, Kean College, Union University, Carlos Albizu University, Florida National College and more...	Community Organizations Volunteer Services Center, Center for Minority Studies, MOWOB, Urban Crusader, Financial Partnership and more...
Governmental & County Departments Miami-Dade Public Works, Police, Elections, Transit, Commerce Services, Department of Human Services, Solid Waste and more...	

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Community Action has made significant changes in the lives of those who become involved. Like Rosetta Meeks who came to community Action after personal struggles with drugs, and says she found someplace filled with people who cared. “If it was not for Community Action, I don’t know where I would be, I am the person I am today because someone cared, and I thank everyone at Community Action Agency for believing in me, so that I could start believing in myself.”

IN THE WAR ON POVERTY, WE ARE THE MARINES...



Community Action Partnership Advertisement

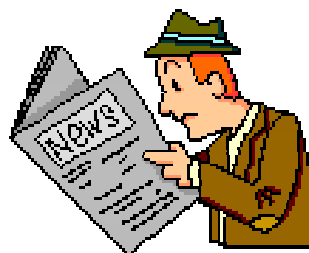
In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared war on poverty, and out of that declaration, Community Action was born. CAA's have been on the frontline in the fight to change lives and make America a better place for everyone. Many battles have been won, but the war continues, with each generation comes the opportunity to achieve more, to help more people in our community and change more lives.

Community Action has gone where other organizations have hesitated, we have made the difference in millions of lives, we have been the symbol of hope for communities that felt hopeless to affect change. Community Action, the marines in the fight against poverty, together it is a war that will be won.

Recognizing Excellence ...



Congratulations to Dr. William Atkins on being elected Vice President of the Florida Association for Community Action, at their annual conference held on May 7-10, 2002 here in Miami. Also elected to the board was Head Start Director, Jane Robinson.



WE SEE YOU....



Community Action at Work Barbara Cannon is a great example of how what you do helps Community Action work. Although she is not out in the field, here support as Print Shop Technician enables CAA's Divisions to function effectively. Thank you for all that you do.

We would like to welcome to the CAA family...

Self Help Social Worker 1, Quincy Cohen and Head Start Social Worker 2, Ellaneese Love-Burden who has joined us from the Department of Human Services.

With deepest regrets...The Community Action Agency mourns the passing of Board Member Herbert Biggs who passed on May 1, 2002.

Congratulations...



Maria "Marilyn" Rams on her promotion to Project Director of the Senior Community Service Employment Project. Marilyn has been a Field Supervisor with the Foster Grandparent Program for the past 14 years.

COMMUNITY ACTION AT WORK



CAA GO Bus at Resource Expo



Corey Jones & Brenda Jones at Resource Expo



Miami-Dade Corrections at CAA Resource Expo



Miami-Dade Animal Services at Resource Expo



CAA Promotion at Resource Expo



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